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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment field on February 28, 2002 has been received and entered in the case.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims $1 \sim 8$ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Warren in view of Bruce et al.

Warren discloses in the figure a stacked semiconductor storage device comprising, in combination,

- a lower chip (12) and an upper chip (15) superimposed on a substrate (11),
- said semiconductor storage device further comprising:

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- a wiring substrate (14), interposed between said lower chip and said upper chip, for relaying electric connection between bonding pads on said upper chip (15) and bonding pads (17) on said substrate.
- wherein the bonding pads on said upper chip (15) are arranged in a line running perpendicular to a line of bonding pads (17 in right or left side) on the substrate (14).

Warren does not disclose wiring patterns. However, Bruce et al. discloses in Figs. $5 \sim 7$ wiring patterns (58). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time when the invention was made to modify Warren by using the wiring patterns and the bonding pads on the upper chip being arranged in a line running perpendicular to a line of bonding pads on the substrate as taught by Bruce et al. The ordinary artisan would have been motivated to modify Warren in the manner described above for at least the purpose of providing same impedance between the bond pads of the secondary support structure and the primary die (column 2, lines $51 \sim 53$).

Regarding claim 2, Warren, as modified, where he/she shows a first terminal (around 22) connected to a terminal (on top of 22) on a surface of the upper chip (22 and see the Figure), a second terminal (17) connected to a terminal (11a) on a surface of the substrate (11), and a wiring pattern (column 3, lines $20 \sim 34$) for connecting the first and the second terminals on the surface of the wiring substrate (14).

Regarding claim 3, Warren, as modified, where he/she shows a semiconductor storage device further comprising: a first bonding wire (see the figure) for connecting the terminal of the surface of the upper chip with the first terminal; and a second bonding wire (20) for connecting the terminal (11a) of the surface of the substrate (11) with the second terminal (17).

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Regarding claim 4, Warren, as modified, discloses a wiring pattern whose one end is connected to a terminal on a rear surface of the upper chip, and whose other terminal is connected to a terminal on a surface of the lower chip.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, Warren, as modified, where he/she shows said terminal (13) of the surface of said lower chip (12) is connected to said terminal (11a) of the surface of said substrate (11a) by a third bonding wire (see the figure).

Regarding claims 7 and 8, Warren, as modified, where he/she shows said wiring substrate is sheet or board (see the figure) wiring substrate (14).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on February 28, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Warren discloses in the figure the bonding pads on said upper chip (15) being arranged in a line running perpendicular to a line of bonding pads (17 in right or left side) on the substrate (14). Because of above reasons, the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chris C. Chu whose telephone number is (703) 305-6194. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10:30 - 7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on (703) 308-1690. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7382 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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